

W Wooster High School Guidance Dept.

Wooster City School District

September 2017

Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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Principal's Message:

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year!

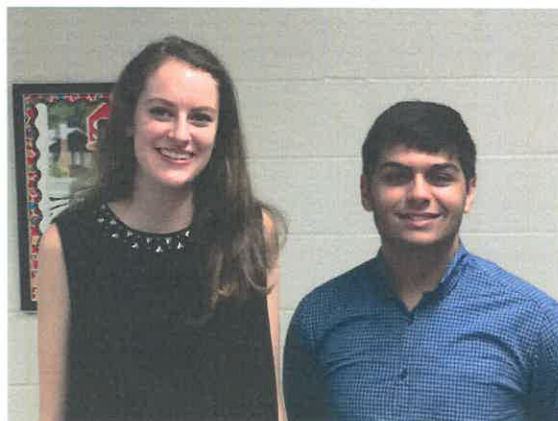
We are excited for another great year as we continue to strive for educational excellence. As a high school, we are extremely proud to offer world-class academics, music, art, athletics, speech and debate, as well as many other programs. We invite all of our students to participate in a club or activity of their choice and to get involved in some of the wonderful programming that we offer.

As a parent, we invite you to partner with us as we educate our children. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or counselor if you would have any questions at any time. We believe the best learning atmosphere for our students comes in partnership with strong relationships with our families.

We are excited for the greatness we can achieve this school year. I am proud to be a General, and to help shape the next generation of wonderful citizens for our community and global society.

~ Tyler Keener, Principal

**Congratulations to
Students of the Month for September
Lexi (11) & Joe (12)**



ACT/SAT TEST DATES:

Sign up for the National ACT on-line at: www.actstudent.org.

Cost: ACT- \$46.00; ACT(w/writing)-\$62.50

Testing Date	Registration deadline	Late fee required
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2016	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-7, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

Sign up for the SAT on-line at: www.sat.org/register.

The cost for the SAT is \$46.00; SAT(w/essay)-\$60.00

Testing Date	Registration deadline	Late deadline
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

BOLD denotes tests given at WHS (School Code: 365-630)

It is never too early to be thinking about college or career pathways. Here are some important points for each class to think about and begin acting on for this school year.

Grade 8:

- House Bill 487 updated Ohio's graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2018. Visit www.woostercityschools.org/hs for the latest information. Know what you need to graduate from WHS.
- Grades earned in eighth grade are used to determine ninth grade placement. Make certain you do your best. Develop good study habits that will carry you throughout your high school career.
- Speak with friends/family about careers and possible school choices. Ask counselors which courses to take in high school that might help you in your career aspirations.

Freshman:

- Get Organized. Build a schedule allowing for study time, extracurriculars, & other interests. Consider developing a 4-year plan of classes in order to make certain you increase your chances for success.
- Get involved. Join extracurricular activities in which you have a genuine interest. Accept leadership roles as this may show focus and commitment. Consider activities outside of school as well: volunteering, community involvement, scouting, church activities.
- Continue to speak with parents/counselors about your interests and how that might work into a career.
- If you will be participating in College Credit Plus, you must have an ACT & apply to a college.
- Stay focused on your grades & ask for help immediately when necessary.
- Be mindful of social networking. Don't post something that you wouldn't want a college admissions officer to see. Admission officers do check these sites.

Sophomores:

- Strive to keep good grades. Classes may be more difficult & you may need to allow yourself more study time. Continue to participate in those activities/extracurriculars that are important to you & your career/college path. All you do here is training ground for your future career!
- Begin to research colleges that excel in your chosen interests/career choice. What do they have to offer you?
- If you will be participating in College Credit Plus (CCP) program, you must take an ACT & apply to a college. This is an excellent way to possibly earn high school & college credit at the same time.
- Check out NCAA requirements if pursuing athletics in college.
- Sign up for the PSAT-a test that could qualify you to become a National Merit Scholar and is great practice for the SAT
- Read, read, read. Develop your reading skills
- Practice your writing. You'll need good writing skills for whatever you decide to do.
- If you are considering the Wayne County Schools Career Center for next year, mark these important dates on your calendar:
 - **October 13, 2016**- ambassadors from the WCSCC will be in the PAC for presentations. You will learn about the variety of programs the WCSCC has to offer.
 - **November 17, 2017**-Sophomore Visitation Day
 - **November 30, 2017- 5:00pm-7:30pm**- WCSCC Open House
 - **January 25, 2018**- Priority Deadline. Best chance of getting into program of choice.
- Remember to watch your social media outlets.

Juniors:

- Sign up to take the PSAT – a test that could qualify you to become a National Merit scholar and receive money for college. Also, it is a good practice test for the SAT. There are a limited number of tests given.
- Register and take the ACT or SAT sometime this school year. Note: ALL juniors will take the ACT in April during the school day per new state requirements. There is no charge for that test.
- Double-check with your counselor to make certain you have the necessary classes to be ready to succeed.
- Familiarize yourself with admission requirements of schools of interest, schedule campus visits. (keep mindful of WHS policy for college visitation), speak to admissions representatives that visit WHS, attend College Fairs.
- Register with NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, if planning to play college sports.
- Familiarize yourself with Naviance. This is the system students will utilize to apply to colleges for next year. Learn the different ways that it can help you begin your college search.
- Begin to think about scholarships & other ways to finance college.
- Continue to choose a challenging curriculum of classes for your senior year. NCAA athletes, make certain classes you have chosen meet necessary criteria.
- Colleges do look at your social media outlets. Be mindful of what is there.

Seniors:

- Continue to monitor your grades. You may be accepted in your senior year to the college of your choice, but they will still review your final transcript. Keep working hard on your grades.
- Take or retake the ACT or SAT college entrance tests to improve your score.
- Arrange college visits & visit with admission representatives that visit WHS.
- Be aware of college admission deadlines and **APPLY EARLY!** The Naviance system will help you maintain good records of: enrollment deadlines, tuition fees, room & board, financial aid, & other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid in October. Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, after October 1, 2017.
- Make an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your future plans – especially if you have senior privilege first or last period.
- Complete the Naviance Resume of community/school involvement and honors/awards should you need recommendation letters from counselor/teachers. Allow approximately one month for completion. Don't wait until the last minute to ask.
- Check bulletin boards in the guidance office for information about college visits and scholarships. Search out information or other options in addition to college – i.e. military, trade school, technical training.
- Social media sites should represent the best of you. Please pay attention to what you are posting.
- Complete necessary paperwork requested by WHS: scholarship information for commencement program & senior questionnaire (contains final transcript authorization). Deadlines matter!

College Visitations

College Admissions Counselors will be available to meet with juniors and seniors now through mid November. Listen to the daily announcements to hear who is visiting, check out the bulletin board outside of the guidance office or visit the guidance webpage. This website is updated daily. If you wish to speak with a visiting college admissions counselor, please sign up in the guidance office. Don't forget to follow us on @Wooguidance..

Please note that juniors/seniors may also take 3 days per school year to visit campuses. Make certain you follow WHS guidelines in the Student Handbook.

Financial Aid/FAFSA Workshop

Monday, October 9, 2016

6:00pm -8:00pm, LGIR

Financial aid assists students and families pay for college, but where does one begin? The WHS guidance department will discuss various types of financial aid and how it works.

A discussion will be held from 6:00-7:00pm.

At 7:00pm, assistance will be given as to how to fill out the FAFSA, step by step. In order to assist properly, please

bring with you:

2016 income & tax information

bank statements, if applicable

records of untaxed income, if applicable

An FSA ID-(to create one, go to www.fsaed.gov)

College Application Deadlines/WCCF Scholarship Booklet

College applications due by January 1 will need to be submitted to the *Naviance* system by noon on December 7, 2017. Applications submitted after this time will be processed when the counselors return on January 3, 2018. The guidance office is closed from December 22- January 2. Please remember that you also need to allow counselors and teachers one month to process recommendation letters. Use the resume builder under the tab "About Me" to give them needed information about you. Seniors will receive the Scholarship Booklet sometime over the Christmas break. Scholarships may not be fully updated at that time; do not turn in a scholarship with incorrect dates.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Who: Grades 8-12

When: Thursday, November 2, 2017
5:00pm -8:00 pm

Where: WHS Commons and Grade 8 Hallway outside of classrooms.

Grade 8 elective teachers will be in the main 2nd floor corridor near the Grade 8 hallway. Elective teachers that also have 9-12 grade students will be found in the commons area.

Free and Reduced Lunch Yearly Verification

A new application must be submitted before October 1, 2017, to continue on the free/reduced lunch program. Students will be terminated from the program if an application has not been submitted by this date. The lunch account will go to full price for breakfast and lunch. New applicants may submit an application at any time. We now have online applications on our website. Plus you can print one from the website or pick one up at any school.

Questions can be directed to Sue Case, WHS Food Service secretary, at 330-345-4900.

Attendance

Attendance is taken at the beginning of first period. Please make certain that if your student arrives after 8:05am, he/she visits the attendance secretary upon arrival. Failure to do so may result in an unexcused absence for that day and excessive failures to sign in may result in disciplinary action. Those with first period privilege must sign in when they arrive prior to second period. **If your student needs to leave for an appointment during the school day, a note should be sent with the student to give to attendance first thing in**

the morning. Attendance is very busy at different times during the school day and we may not get to your telephone message before you need your student. A note is a much more efficient way of getting the student the pass in a timely manner. We do not interrupt classroom instruction.



Upcoming PSAT

The PSAT test will be administered on October 11, 2017 to sophomores and juniors who registered previously. Pre-registration paperwork will be done on Thursday, October 5, 2017, during 6th period in the LGIR. Always strive to do your best. This test is important as it may qualify students for National Merit Awards, practice for the SAT, & can be used as an indicator for success in AP classes. Please see Mrs. Goff should you have any questions.

Naviance-The newest tool to assist with college/career planning

Have you logged onto Naviance yet? This system is designed to assist students and parents with the management of the college and career planning process. There are four sections that can be utilized:

- 1) **Colleges** Students can track colleges of interest & request transcripts, letters of recommendation & track status of applications.
 - A) *College Visit Schedule*- Request to see an admissions representative that is visiting WHS.
 - B) *SuperMatch College Search*- Identify specific criteria that are most important to the student.
 - C) *Scattergrams*- Graphical view of application outcomes. Students can gauge the likelihood of being accepted to a particular university by comparing their own GPA and test scores against others previously accepted.
 - D) *Scholarships*-Access scholarship information, including requirements and deadlines.
- 2) **Careers** Students can determine which careers align with their interests and personalities. It allows the opportunity to explore career options.
 - A) *Interest Profiler*-Discover types of activities and careers that match your interests.
 - B) *Career & Clusters*- Explore sets of careers that fall within common features and skills.
 - C) *Personality Type Assessment*- An assessment that can be taken to help the student determine who they are and what educational path is best.
- 3) **About Me** This tab contains all student academic and career information. All saved information regarding colleges can be seen in this tab. You can also prepare a resume, view your GPA and test scores.
 - A) *Strengths Explorer*- This assessment will help you uncover your talents and reveal your potential strengths.
 - B) *Resume*- Track your accomplishments/activities throughout high school. This provides instructions, making it very easy to follow. This is the necessary tab you need to complete to assist those writing recommendation letters for you.
- 4) **My Planner** Online calendar that allows students to manage tasks, establish goals, and help provide organizational skills.

Counselors visited senior classrooms during the first few weeks for September to assist students. Should you still have questions, see your counselor. Using this system is essential in the college planning process.

FINANCIAL AID / FAFSA WORKSHOP

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

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6-8 P.M.

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- ✔ ***An FSA ID (To create your FSA, visit www.fsaaid.ed.gov)***

